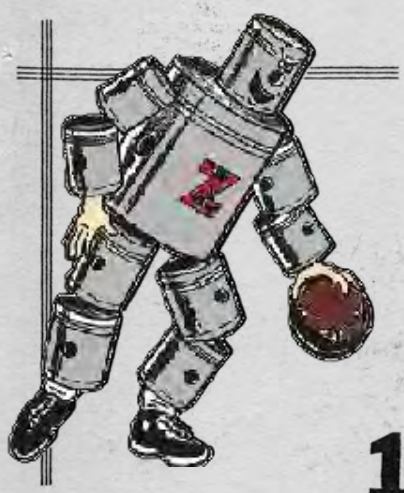

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Charley Eckman Talking:

I know there's been some comment on my substitution of Dick Rosenthal for Jim Fritsche against Rochester last Sunday night. It was a surprise to see a player in there for only 30 seconds come out again. However, Rosenthal is especially effective against particular players, and Rochester put Marshall and Nachamkin in there so I shot Dick into the lineup. Dick obliged us all by scoring a couple of quick baskets. We also got good pivot work out of our little center, Max Zaslofsky. Max can make life miserable for a lot of the league's little men, guys like Wanzer and McMahon to be specific. He did a fine job on both of them Sunday. I thought the club's performance was its best by far. The killer instinct was there. The boys wanted to do more than win. They wanted to really crush the Royals and they did. You can't beat that team spirit!

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Residence	College
Brian, Frank	31	6'1"	185	Coushatta, Louisiana	Louisiana State
Corkery, Leo	24	6'3½"	200	Jamestown, New York	St. Bonaventure
Foust, Larry	26	6'9"	240	Fort Wayne, Indiana	LaSalle
Harris, Robert	27	6'7"	185	Linden, Tennessee	Oklahoma A. & M.
Hittleman, Joel	24	6'3"	185	Bronx, New York	Loyola, Baltimore
Hutchins, Mel	24	6'6"	205	Arcadia, California	Brigham Young
Meineke, Don	24	6'7"	210	Dayton, Ohio	Dayton
Murray, Ken	25	6'2"	195	West Orange, New Jersey	St. Bonaventure
Phillip, Andy	32	6'3"	195	Santa Monica, California	Illinois
Rosenthal, Dick	21	6'5"	205	St. Louis, Missouri	Notre Dame
Walther, Paul	27	6'2"	160	Covington, Kentucky	Tennessee
Yardley, George	24	6'5"	190	Balboa Island, California	Stanford
Zaslofsky, Max	29	6'2"	175	Brooklyn, New York	St. John's

FRANK BRIAN

Age 31, 6-1, 185. Sparkplug deluxe. Gifted driver with amazing variety of shots, outside and inside. One of game's greatest scoring threats. Topped Zs three years ago with 1,051. Used sparingly last year, he averaged only 6.5. Louisiana State grad who began as pro with Anderson in N.B.L. With Tri-Cities before coming to Pistons. Stays in tip-top condition by working at Louisiana ranch all summer. Has scored more than 4,500 points as pro.

FRANK BRIAN

Born May 1, 1923. Height 6.1. Weight 180.
Alma Mater—Louisiana State '45.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
47-48—And-N L	59	....	....	225	....	213	158	.742	....	....	148	....	668	11.3
48-49—And-N L	64	....	....	216	....	276	201	.728	....	....	144	....	632	9.8
49-50—Anderson	64	....	1156	368	.318	488	402	.824	....	189	192	....	1138	17.8
50-51—Tri-Cities	68	....	1127	363	.322	508	418	.825	244	266	215	4	1144	16.8
51-52—Ft. Wayne	66	2672	972	342	.351	433	367	.848	232	233	220	6	1051	15.9
52-53—Ft. Wayne	68	1910	609	245	.351	297	236	.795	133	142	205	8	726	10.7
53-54—Ft. Wayne	64	973	352	132	.375	182	137	.753	79	92	100	9	401	6.3

LARRY FOUST

Age 26, 6-9, 240. Ranked among pivot greats in pro history. Led Zs in scoring past two seasons, 1,111 and 1,131. Four-year total: 4,204! Played more than 5,000 minutes past two seaosns. Workhorse around boards, he's agile, too. Led league in rebounds two seasons ago with 880. Had 1,005 last season, but was third in N.B.A. race. Had sparkling .403 shot percentage. Has good jump shot and can go left or right.

LARRY FOUST

Born June 24, 1928. Height 6.9. Weight 250.

Alma Mater—LaSalle '50.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
50-51—Ft. Wayne	68	....	944	327	.346	396	261	.659	681	90	247	6	915	13.5
51-52—Ft. Wayne	66	2615	989	390	.394	394	267	.678	880	200	245	10	1047	15.9
52-53—Ft. Wayne	67	2303	865	311	.360	465	336	.723	769	151	267	16	958	14.3
53-54—Ft. Wayne	72	2693	919	376	.409	475	338	.712	967	161	258	4	1090	15.1

JIM FRITSCHE

Age 25, 6-7, 220. Big man with a variety of shots, including accurate jumper. He led crack Hamline team in scoring in 1952-53. Drafted by Minneapolis, found the Laker big man situation a closed corporation, though Coach John Kundla termed him "one of best shots in league." Sold to Baltimore shortly after beginning of last season. Came to Pistons in straight player trade for Ken Murray. He once scored 29 points against Zs in single game.

JAMES FRITSCHE

Born December 10, 1931. Height 6.8. Weight 210.

Alma Mater—Hamline '53.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
53-54—Baltimore	68	1221	379	116	.306	68	49	.721	217	73	103	0	281	4.1

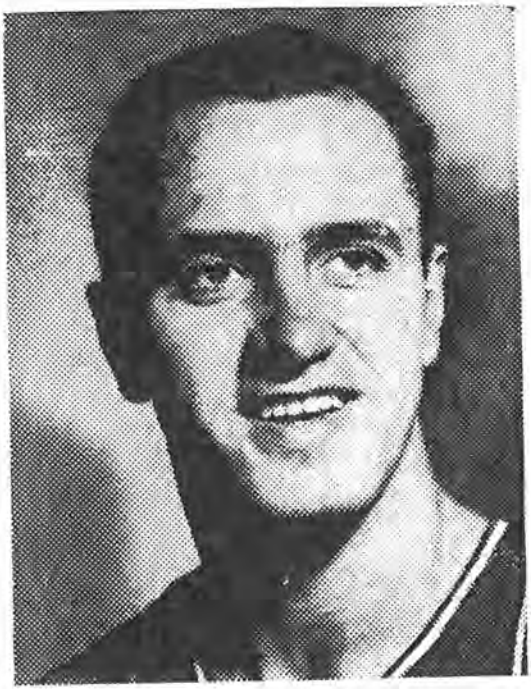
MEL HUTCHINS

Age 24, 6-6, 205. Lithe and limber, he's amazingly durable and strong, and one of the top rebounders in league. Tied Larry Foust for lead in 1951-52 when he won "rookie of the year" honors. Played more minutes than any other Z last season, his first with Pistons after two years with Milwaukee. Features distinctive outside shot, looping one-hander from corners. Averaged 10.3 points in 1952-53. Duplicated performance last season.

MEL HUTCHINS

Born November 22, 1928. Height 6.6. Weight 205.
Alma Mater—Brigham Young '51.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
51-52—Milwaukee	66	2618	633	231	.365	225	145	.644	880	190	192	5	607	9.2
52-53—Milwaukee	71	2891	842	319	.379	295	193	.654	793	227	214	5	831	11.7
53-54—Ft. Wayne	72	2934	736	295	.401	223	151	.677	695	210	229	4	741	10.3



DON MEINEKE

Age 24, 6-7, 207. As 1953 "rookie of the year" "Monk" ran into the sophomore jinx last season. His 10.3 average in his freshman season tailed away to 5.7. He wasn't as active either because of terrific competition from newcomers Mel Hutchins and George Yardley. Meineke still has terrific potential as a scorer and rebounder. Rugged around the boards, he has a good hook shot and a looping one-hander from outside. He scored 1,866 points in three years of college play for the University of Dayton.

DON MEINEKE

Height 6.7. Weight 210. Alma Mater—Dayton '52.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
52-53—Ft. Wayne	68	2250	630	240	.381	313	245	.783	466	148	334	26	725	10.7
53-54—Ft. Wayne	71	1466	393	135	.344	169	136	805	372	81	214	6	406	5.7

ANDY PHILLIP

Age 32, 6-3, 195. Playmaker supreme, he led league in assists for two years (1950-51 and 51-52). Record 539 in 51-52 later shattered by fabulous Bob Cousy's 547. Good scorer as well as distinguished passer, averaging 10.3 and 10.5 past two seasons. Came to Zs from Philadelphia in December 1952. Has accurate two-handed, overhead set from outside. Ex-Whiz Kid from Illinois, he's miraculous when centering fast break situation.

ANDY PHILLIP

Born March 7, 1922. Height 6.2. Weight 195.

Alma Mater—Illinois '47.

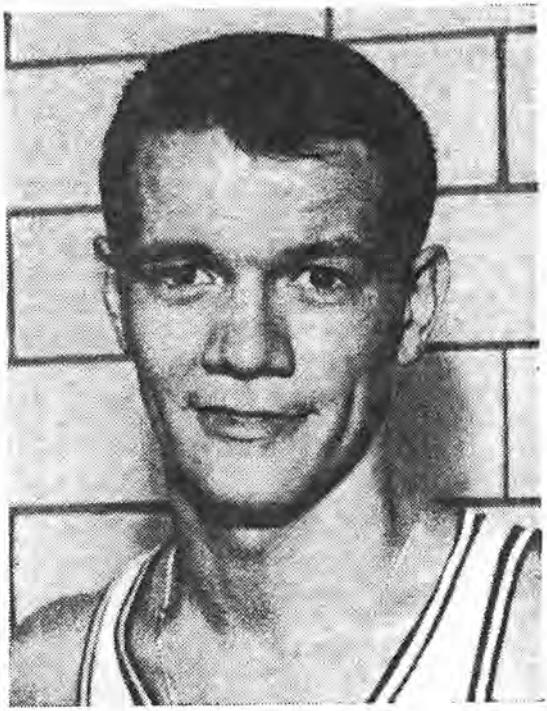
Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Ave.
47-48—Chicago	32	....	425	143	.336	103	60	.583	....	74	75	....	346	10.8
48-49—Chicago	60	....	818	285	.348	219	148	.676	....	319	205	....	718	12.0
49-50—Chicago	65	....	814	284	.349	270	190	.704	....	377	210	....	758	11.7
50-51—Phila.	66	....	690	275	.399	253	190	.751	446	414	221	8	740	11.2
51-52—Phila.	66	2933	762	279	.366	308	232	.753	434	539	218	6	790	12.0
52-53—Ft. Wayne	70	2690	629	250	.397	301	222	.737	364	397	229	9	722	10.3
53-54—Ft. Wayne	71	2705	680	255	.375	330	241	.730	265	449	204	4	751	10.6

DICK ROSENTHAL

Age 21, 6-5, 210. He's the Pistons' Number One draft choice, a prize sought by many other N.B.A. teams. A pivot man at Notre Dame where he established several scoring records (432 single season, 1,153 for three seasons), he will be shifted to forward as professional. Rugged and aggressive, he is expected to become a rebounding threat for the Zs. Surprisingly graceful, the raw-boned rookie played first base for the Irish baseball team of two seasons.

RICHARD ROSENTHAL

Height 6.4. Weight 205. Alma Mater—Notre Dame '54.



PAUL WALTHER

Age 27, 6-3, 173. "Lefty" has one of the slickest southpaws in the N.B.A. He's a quick shooter, particularly strong from around the foul line with a soft jump shot. A stout defensive player, he can cling like a leech to the best, including Boston's Bob Cousy. Starred at Tennessee and then joined the ill-fated Kentucky Kids at Indianapolis. Went to Philadelphia when the Olympians folded. Liked the idea of playing for Pistons so well he bought own release from Philadelphia.

PAUL WALTHER

Height 6.2. Weight 160. Alma Mater—Tennessee.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
9-50—Minn-Ind	53	....	290	114	.393	109	63	.578	....	56	123	....	291	5.5
0-51—India'lis	63	....	634	213	.336	209	145	.694	226	225	201	8	571	9.1
1-52—India'lis	55	1903	549	220	.401	308	231	.750	246	137	171	6	671	12.2
2-53—India'lis	67	2468	645	227	.352	354	264	.746	284	205	260	7	718	10.7
3-54—Phila.	64	2067	392	138	.352	206	145	.704	257	220	199	5	421	6.6

GEORGE YARDLEY

Age 24, 6-5, 190. At Stanford, he shattered scoring records of storied Hank Luisetti. Embellished brilliant collegiate career with successes in AAU and service basketball. Spearheaded Los Alamitos to service championship. His debut as Piston last season saw him average nine points per game and register team-leading shooting percentage of .429. Deceptively fast and agile, he shoots well with either hand. Best on jump shots.

GEORGE YARDLEY

Born November 3, 1928. Height 6.5. Weight 195.
Alma Mater—Stanford '50.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
53-54—Ft. Wayne	63	1489	492	209	.425	205	146	.712	407	99	166	3	564	9.0

MAX ZASLOFSKY

Age 29, 6-2, 175. Third highest scorer in pro history (behind George Mikan, Joe Fulks). Average: 15 points per game. Turned pro in 1946-47 after frosh year at St. John's Brooklyn. Started with Chicago Stags (1,197 points in 1948-49). New York bought him for $17,500 when Stags folded. Went to Baltimore summer of 1953. Traded to Milwaukee in November; to Pistons in December. Shoots well from outside. Can hit while in motion.

MAX ZASLOFSKY

Born December 7, 1925. Height 6.2. Weight 170.
Alma Mater—St. John's (NY) '49.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
46-47—Chicago	61	....	1020	336	.329	278	205	.737	....	40	121	....	877	14.4
47-48—Chicago	48	....	1156	373	.323	333	261	.784	....	29	125	....	1007	21.0
48-49—Chicago	58	....	1216	425	.350	413	347	.840	....	149	156	....	1197	20.6
49-50—Chicago	68	....	1132	397	.351	381	321	.843	....	155	185	....	1115	16.4
50-51—New York	66	....	853	302	.354	298	231	.775	228	136	150	3	835	12.7
51-52—New York	66	2113	958	322	.336	380	287	.755	194	156	183	5	931	14.1
52-53—New York	20	320	123	123	.384	142	98	.690	75	55	81	1	344	11.9
53-54—Bal-Milw-Ft. Wayne	65	1881	756	278	.368	357	255	.714	160	154	142	1	811	12.5

LEO BARNHORST

Born May 17, 1924. Height 6.4. Weight 195.
Alma Mater—Notre Dame '49.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
49-50—Chicago	67	....	499	174	.349	90	698	....	140	192	....		438	6.5
50-51—Indianapolis	68	....	671	232	.346	119	82	.689	296	218	197	1	546	8.0
51-52—Indianapolis	66	2344	897	349	.389	187	122	.652	430	255	196	3	820	12.4
52-53—Indianapolis	71	2871	1034	402	.389	259	163	.629	483	277	245	8	967	13.6
53-54—Ft. Wayne	72	2064	588	199	.338	88	63	.716	297	226	203	4	461	6.4
Totals 344		7279	3689	1356	.368	782	529	.676	1506	1116	1033	16	3232	9.4

BOB HARRIS

Born March 16, 1927. Height 6.7. Weight 195.
Alma Mater—Oklahoma State '49.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
49-50—Ft. Wayne	62	....	465	168	.361	223	140	.628	....	129	190	....	476	7.7
50-51—Ft W-Bos	56	....	295	98	.332	127	86	.677	291	64	157	4	282	5.0
51-52—Boston	66	1899	463	190	.410	209	134	.641	531	120	194	5	514	7.8
52-53—Boston	70	1971	459	192	.418	226	133	.588	486	95	238	9	517	7.4
53-54—Boston	71	1898	409	156	.381	172	108	.628	517	94	224	8	420	5.9
Total	325	5768	2091	804	.385	957	601	.628	1824	502	1003	33	2209	6.8

BOB HOUBREGS

Born March 12, 1932. Height 6.8. Weight 225.
Alma Mater—Washington '53.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
53-54—Baltimore	70	1970	562	209	.372	266	190	.714	375	123	209	2	608	8.7

KEN MURRAY

Born April 20, 1928. Height 6.2. Weight 195.
Alma Mater—St. Bonaventure '50.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
50-51—Balt-Ft W	66	....	887	301	.339	362	248	.747	355	202	164	7	850	12.9
53-54—Ft Wayne	49	528	195	53	.272	60	43	.717	65	56	60	0	149	3.0

ALBERT ROGES

Height 6.4. Weight 200. Alma Mater—Long Island.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
53-54—Baltimore	67	1937	614	220	.358	179	130	.726	213	160	177	1	570	8.5

FRED SCOLARI

Born March 1, 1922. Height 5.10. Weight 180.
Alma Mater—San Francisco '43.

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
46-47—Wash.	58	....	989	291	.294	180	146	.811	....	58	159	....	728	12.6
47-48—Wash.	47	....	780	229	.294	179	131	.732	....	58	153	....	589	12.5
48-49—Wash.	48	....	633	196	.310	183	146	.798	....	100	150	....	538	11.2
49-50—Wash.	66	....	910	312	.343	287	236	.822	....	175	181	....	860	13.0
50-51—Wash-Syr	66	....	923	302	.327	331	279	.843	218	255	183	1	883	13.4
51-52—Baltimore	64	2242	867	290	.334	423	353	.835	214	303	213	6	933	14.6
52-53—Ft. Wayne	62	2123	809	277	.342	327	276	.844	209	233	212	4	830	13.4
53-54—Ft. Wayne	64	1589	491	159	.324	180	144	.800	139	131	155	1	462	7.2

EMILIO SINICOLA

Height 5.10. Height 165. Alma Mater—Niagara '51

Sea.—Team	G.	Min.	FGA.	FGM.	Pct.	FTA.	FTM.	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	PF.	Disq.	Pts.	Avg.
51-52—Ft. Wayne	3	15	4	1	.250	2	0	.000	1	0	2	0	2	0.7
53-54—Ft. Wayne	9	53	16	4	.250	6	3	.500	1	3	8	0	11	1.2
Totals 12		68	20	5	.250	8	3	.375	2	3	10	0	13	1.1

SEASON PLAYER RECORDS

Player	G	FG Att.	FG Made	FG Pct.	FT Att.	FT Made	Rbnd.	Assists	Per. Fouls	Total Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Larry Foust	72	919	376	40.9	475	338	967	161	258	1090	15.1
Max Zaslofsky	65	756	278	36.8	357	255	160	154	142	811	12.5
Andy Phillip	71	680	255	37.5	330	241	265	449	204	751	10.6
Mel Hutchins	72	736	295	40.1	223	151	695	210	229	741	10.3
George Yardley	63	492	209	42.5	205	146	407	99	166	564	9.0
Fred Scolari	64	491	159	32.4	180	144	139	131	155	462	7.2
Leo Barnhorst	72	588	199	33.8	88	63	297	226	203	461	6.4
Don Meineke	71	393	135	34.4	169	136	372	81	214	406	5.7
Frank Brian	64	352	132	37.5	182	137	79	92	100	401	6.3
Ken Murray	49	195	53	27.2	60	43	65	56	60	149	3.0
Zeke Sinicola	9	16	4	25.0	6	3	1	3	8	11	1.2

N.B.A. PLAYOFFS

WESTERN DIVISION

Minneapolis won Round Robin (3-0) Rochester (2-1) Fort Wayne (0-4)

March 16.....Fort Wayne 75 at Rochester 82
March 17.....Rochester 88 at Minneapolis 109
March 18.....Minneapolis 90 at Fort Wayne 85
March 20.....Fort Wayne 73 at Minneapolis 78
March 21.....Rochester 89 at Fort Wayne 71
March 23.....Minneapolis at Rochester (cancelled)

Minneapolis won Western Finals, defeating Rochester, 2 games to 1

TEAM PLAYOFF STATISTICS

Team	G	W	L	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	Rbnd.	Assists	PF	For	Agst
Minneapolis	13	9	4	927	371	40.0	418	302	72.2	648	203	371	80.3	74.1
Syracuse	13	9	4	847	335	39.6	566	389	68.7	591	235	352	81.5	80.0
Rochester	6	3	3	408	162	39.7	217	157	72.4	278	108	157	80.2	83.2
Boston	6	2	4	441	167	37.9	253	188	74.3	312	134	231	87.0	89.2
New York	4	0	4	250	92	36.8	179	132	73.7	200	64	149	79.0	87.5
Fort Wayne	4	0	4	306	109	35.6	115	86	74.8	165	67	107	76.0	84.8

INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

FORT WAYNE PISTONS

Player	G	FG Att.	FG Made	FG Pct.	FT Att.	FT Made	Rbnd.	Assists	Per. Fouls	Total Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Mel Hutchins	4	46	15	32.6	17	12	37	6	18	42	10.5
George Yardley	4	33	16	48.5	12	10	24	3	10	42	10.5
Frank Brian	4	36	15	41.7	16	11	12	10	7	41	10.3
Larry Foust	4	41	11	26.8	25	19	38	7	21	41	10.3
Andy Phillip	4	38	13	34.2	12	9	12	17	9	35	8.8
Max Zaslofsky	4	36	11	30.6	15	13	3	6	7	35	8.8
Leo Barnhorst	4	19	10	52.6	5	3	5	6	10	23	5.8
Don Meineke	4	23	6	26.1	11	7	15	6	11	19	4.8
Ken Murray	3	10	6	60.0	2	2	0	0	6	14	4.7
Fred Scolari	4	24	6	25.0	0	0	7	6	8	12	3.0

1953-54 GAME SCORES

KEY: H—Home Game; V—Away Game; N—Neutral Game; *—Overtime Period

77	Milwaukee	67 H
83	Boston	79 H
76	Rochester	91 V
70	New York	75 H
78	Minneapolis	62 N
78	Syracuse	74 H
58	Philadelphia	63 V
68	Rochester	65 H
66	Minneapolis	83 N
76	Syracuse	79 V
68	Boston	90 V
83	Rochester	82 H
58	Milwaukee	64 V
78	Milwaukee	64 H
92	Baltimore	81 V
83	Philadelphia	69 H
69	Rochester	92 V
76	Boston	70 H
92	New York	73 V
78	Syracuse	77 H
83	Milwaukee	59 N
68	New York	69 H
75	Boston	82 N
74	Boston	91 V
69	Milwaukee	63 V
108	Boston	79 H
71	Minneapolis	77 V
75	Minneapolis	79 H
97	Minneapolis	80 V
83	Philadelphia	56 N
76	Rochester	77 V*
72	New York	74 H
60	Syracuse	72 H
90	Baltimore	78 V
67	Syracuse	70 V
81	Milwaukee	73 H
97	Baltimore	66 N

81	Baltimore	74 N
82	New York	88 V*
86	Minneapolis	83 H
67	Rochester	73 N
72	Minneapolis	75 V
79	Baltimore	70 H
77	Milwaukee	68 N
80	Boston	68 H
70	Rochester	95 V
83	Rochester	69 H
72	Milwaukee	71 V
70	Rochester	89 N
87	Syracuse	93 V*
90	Minneapolis	83 H
69	New York	73 N
79	New York	73 V
94	Philadelphia	76 H
69	Milwaukee	65 V
77	Syracuse	91 V
87	Baltimore	85 V
62	Milwaukee	64 H
95	Milwaukee	82 N
82	New York	62 N
79	Philadelphia	72 V
94	Minneapolis	77 H
64	Rochester	71 N
63	Syracuse	86 H
76	Philadelphia	70 N
76	Baltimore	71 V
80	Boston	86 V
73	Philadelphia	75 N
88	Philadelphia	70 N
80	Rochester	95 H
66	Minneapolis	93 V
91	Baltimore	86 H
75	Rochester	82 V
85	Minneapolis	90 H
73	Minneapolis	78 V
71	Rochester	89 H

ARENA RECORDS

Most points, single game, team—112, Fort Wayne (vs New York), Nov. 16, 1952

Least points, single game, team—55 Milwaukee (vs. Minneapolis) Nov. 22, 1953

Most points, single game, individual—32, George Mikan, Minneapolis, Nov. 20, 1952

Most field goals, single game, individual—12, George Mikan, Minneapolis, Nov. 20, 1952—12, Dike Eddleman, Fort Wayne (vs Boston), Jan. 15, 1953

Most field goals, single game, team—40, Fort Wayne (vs Baltimore), March 14, 1954

*Least field goals, single game, team—11, Fort Wayne (vs. Rochester), Nov. 15, 1953

Most field goals attempted, team—106, Fort Wayne (vs. Baltimore), March 14, 1954

*Least field goals attempted, team—47, Fort Wayne (vs. Rochester), Nov. 15, 1953

Most field goals attempted, individual—36, George Mikan, Minneapolis, Nov. 20, 1952

*Most free throws, single game, team—47, Fort Wayne (vs Boston), Jan. 29, 1953

Most free throws, single game, individual—15, Neil Johnston, Philadelphia, Nov. 23, 1952

*Most free throws attempted, single game, team—61 Fort Wayne (vs. Rochester), Nov. 15, 1953, 61 Fort Wayne (vs. Boston), Jan. 29, 1953

*Most free throws attempted, single game, individual—23, Neil Johnston, Philadelphia, Nov. 23, 1952

*Most fouls comitted, single game, team—49, Rochester (vs. Fort Wayne), Nov. 15, 1953

*Most fouls committed, single game, two-team total—93—Fort Wayne 45, Baltimore 48, Nov. 30, 1952

*Least fouls committed, single game, team—11, Phila. (vs. Fort Wayne), Dec. 21,1952

*Least fouls committed, two-team total—24, Fort Wayne (vs Phila.), Dec. 21, 1952, Fort Wayne—13, Philadelphia—11

Most points single game, two-team total—209 (Fort Wayne 111, Boston 98) Jan. 29, 1953

Most points, one quarter, individual, 16—Bill Sharman, Boston, Nov. 5, 1953

*Most points, one quarter, team—44, Fort Wayne (vs Boston), Jan. 29, 1953

Most points, one half, individual—24, Vern Mikkelsen, Minneapolis, Nov. 20, 1952

*Most points, one half, team—76, Fort Wayne (vs Boston), Jan. 29, 1953

*Most assists, single game, individual—14, Andy Phillip (vs Balt.), Feb. 8, 1953 and (vs Balt.), Feb. 19, 1953.

Most assists, single game, team—33, Fort Wayne (vs New York), Nov. 16, 1952

Most rebounds, single game, individual, 33—Harry Gallatin, N. Y., March 15, 1953.

*Most rebounds, single game, team—80, Milwaukee (vs Fort Wayne), Dec. 25, 1952

1953-54 SEASON

Eastern Division

Team	Games Played	Won	Lost	Pct.	Games Behind	Points For	Points Against
New York Knickerbockers	72	44	28	.611		5688	5697
Boston Celtics	72	42	30	.583	2	6315	6147
Syracuse Nationals	72	42	30	.583	2	6013	5660
Philadelphia Warriors	72	29	43	.403	15	5632	5787
Baltimore Bullets	72	16	56	.222	28	5638	6127

Western Division

Team	Games Played	Won	Lost	Pct.	Games Behind	Points For	Points Against
Minneapolis Lakers	72	46	26	.639		5880	5658
Rochester Royals	72	44	28	.611	2	5742	5567
Fort Wayne Pistons	72	40	32	.556	6	5593	5476
Milwaukee Hawks	72	21	51	.292	25	5038	5420

TEAM STATISTICS

		Field Goals			Free Throws			Miscellaneous			Average	
	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	Rbnd.	Asst.	PF	For	Agst
Syracuse	72	5579	2054	36.8	2650	1905	71.9	3652	1541	1852	83.5	78.6
Minneapolis	72	5803	2184	37.6	2067	1512	73.1	3752	1323	1918	81.7	78.6
Rochester	72	5451	2010	36.9	2518	1722	68.4	3494	1454	1904	79.8	77.3
Boston	72	5580	2232	40.0	2550	1851	72.6	3867	1773	1969	87.7	85.4
Fort Wayne	72	5187	1952	37.6	2315	1689	73.0	3785	1474	1669	77.7	76.1
New York	72	5177	1934	37.4	2525	1820	72.1	3830	1469	1832	79.0	79.1
Philadelphia	72	5431	2023	37.2	2272	1586	69.8	3589	1468	1741	78.2	80.4
Milwaukee	72	5087	1757	34.5	2202	1524	69.2	3202	1298	1771	70.0	75.3
Baltimore	72	5539	2036	36.8	2312	1566	67.7	3816	1385	1777	78.3	85.1

RECORD FOR EACH TEAM AWAY FROM HOME

Team	Games Played	Won	Lost	Pct.	Points For	Points Against	Avg. Points Game for	Avg. Points Game Against
Baltimore	36	2	34	.029	2743	3156	76.19	87.66
Boston	36	15	21	.417	3083	3151	85.91	87.52
Fort Wayne	36	16	20	.444	2744	2777	76.21	77.13
Milwaukee	36	8	28	.222	2545	2843	70.69	78.97
Minneapolis	36	18	18	.500	2012	2908	80.88	80.77
New York	36	20	16	.556	2709	2791	75.25	77.52
Philadelphia	36	10	26	.278	2776	2920	77.11	81.11
Rochester	36	19	17	.528	3053	3017	84.98	83.80
Syracuse	36	14	22	.389	2805	2817	77.91	78.25

RECORD FOR EACH TEAM AT HOME

Team	Games Played	Won	Lost	Pct.	Points For	Points Against	Avg. Points Game for	Avg. Points Game Against
Baltimore	36	14	22	.389	2895	2971	80.41	82.52
Boston	36	27	9	.750	3232	2996	89.77	83.22
Fort Wayne	36	24	12	.667	2849	2699	79.13	74.97
Milwaukee	36	11	23	.324	2493	2577	69.25	71.58
Minneapolis	36	28	8	.778	2968	2750	82.44	76.69
New York	36	24	12	.667	2979	2906	82.75	80.72
Philadelphia	36	19	17	.528	2856	2867	79.33	79.63
Rochester	36	25	11	.694	2827	2641	78.52	73.36
Syracuse	36	28	8	.778	3208	2843	89.11	78.97

AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME AGAINST EACH TEAM

	Games Played	Opponents Points	Average Per Game
Milwaukee	72	5420	76.00
Fort Wayne	72	5476	76.05
Rochester	72	5567	77.32
Minneapolis	72	5658	78.57
Syracuse	72	5660	78.61
New York	72	5697	79.12
Philadelphia	72	5787	80.37
Baltimore	72	6127	85.09
Boston	72	6147	85.38

PISTON
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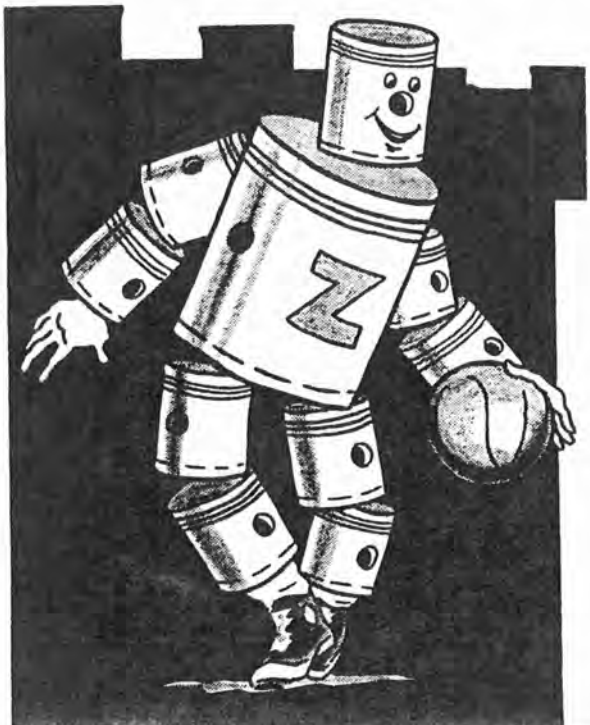

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ROSTERS

BALTIMORE

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
18	Rollen Hans	6-2	210
17	Don Henriksen	6-7	225
11	Paul Hoffman	6-2	208
10	Bob Houbregs	6-8	230
7	Al McGuire	6-0	170
	Ken Murray	6-3	200
20	Jim Neal	6-8	230
12	Al Roges	6-4	210
28	Frank Selvy	6-3	185
19	Connie Simmons	6-8	225

BOSTON

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
17	Don Barksdale	6-6	200
18	Bob Brannam	6-6	220
14	Bob Cousy	6-1	185
22	Ed Macauley	6-8	185
15	Dwight Morrison	6-8	220
16	Jack Nichols	6-7	220
12	Togo Palazzi	6-4	210
23	Frank Ramsey	6-3	200
24	Fred Scolari	5-11	185
21	William Sharman	6-2	185

MILWAUKEE

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
3	Bill Calhoun	6-4	190
15	Chuck Cooper	6-6	205
7	Bob Harrison	6-2	190
12	Lew Hitch	6-9	200
4	Ken McBride	6-3	190
6	Phil Martin	6-3	190
9	Bob Pettit	6-9	225
13	George Ratkovicz	6-7	218
10	Frank (Pep) Saul	6-2	180
5	Charley Share	6-11	235

MINNEAPOLIS

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
12	Jim Holstein	6-3	195
23	Ed Kalafat	6-6	240
34	Clyde Lovellette	6-9	235
22	Slater Martin	5-10	170
19	Vern Mikkelsen	6-7	225
17	Jim Pollard	6-5	190
15	Dick Schnittker	6-5	200
20	Whitey Skoog	5-11	185
18	Don Sunderlage	6-2	185
16	Bobby Watson	5-10	165

NEW YORK

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
12	Don Anielak	6-7½	192
10	Jim Baechtold	6-4	205
4	Carl Braun	6-5	180
9	Fred Christ	6-4	210
[illegible]	Sweetwater Clifton	6-7	220
19	Ray Felix	6-11	220
11	Harry Gallatin	6-6	210
17	Chuck Grigsby	6-5	190
15	Dick McGuire	6-0	180
16	Jack Turner	6-4	170

ROCHESTER

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
18	Cal Christensen	6-5	230
10	Jack Coleman	6-7	230
11	Bob Davies	6-1	175
03	John McMahon	6-1	188
16	Tom Marshall	6-4	205
17	Boris Nachamkin	6-6	210
14	Arnie Risen	6-9	210
15	Odie Spears	6-5	205
20	Art Spoelstra	6-10	215
09	Bob Wanzer	6-0	170

SYRACUSE

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
14	Dick Farley	6-4	190
7	Bill Gabor	5-11	170
15	Bill Kenville	6-2	185
10	John Kerr	6-9	230
3	George King	6-0	175
11	Earl Lloyd	6-6	220
17	Jim Neal	6-11	225
8	Wally Osterkorn	6-5	215
16	"Red" Rocha	6-9	215
4	Dolph Schayes	6-8	220
5	Paul Seymour	6-2	180

PHILADELPHIA

No.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.
11	Paul Arizin	6-4	200
12	Walter Davis	6-8	210
10	George Dempsey	6-3	195
7	Danny Finn	6-1	185
4	Jack George	6-2½	195
9	Joe Graboski	6-8	225
6	Neil Johnston	6-8	215
	Gene Shue	6-3	185
15	Bob Zawoluk	6-7	205

PISTON SCHEDULE

Coliseum Games Appear in Capital Letters

Sat. Oct. 30 _____ Milwaukee
SUN. OCT. 31 _____ BOSTON
*SAT. NOV. 6 _____ NEW YORK (TV)
SUN. NOV. 7 _____ ROCHESTER
THURS. NOV. 11 _____ SYRACUSE
Sat. Nov. 13 _____ Rochester
SUN. NOV. 14 _____ MILWAUKEE
Thurs. Nov. 18 _____ Syracuse
Fri. Nov. 19 _____ Baltimore
Sat. Nov. 20 _____ Philadelphia
SUN. NOV. 21 _____ ROCHESTER
Wed. Nov. 24 ___ Philadelphia at Hershey
THURS. NOV. 25 _____ BALTIMORE
*SAT. NOV. 27 _____ MINNEAPOLIS (TV)
SUN. NOV. 28 _____ MILWAUKEE
Tues. Nov. 30 _ Minneapolis at New York
Wed. Dec. 1 _____ Rochester
THURS. DEC. 2 _____ BOSTON
Sat. Dec. 4 _____ New York
SUN. DEC. 5 _____ ROCHESTER
SUN. DEC. 12 _____ BOSTON
Thurs. Dec. 16 ___ Milwaukee at Baltimore
SUN. DEC. 19 _____ MILWAUKEE
Sat. Dec. 25 _____ Rochester
SUN. DEC. 26 _____ PHILADELPHIA
Thurs. Dec. 30 _____ Minneapolis
FRI. DEC. 31 _____ MINNEAPOLIS
Sat. Jan. 1 _____ Syracuse
*SUN. JAN. 2 _____ NEW YORK
Tues. Jan. 4 _____ Syracuse at Elkhart

Thurs. Jan. 6 ____ Rochester at New York
Fri. Jan. 7 _____ Baltimore at Washington
Sat. Jan. 8 _____ Baltimore
*SUN. JAN. 9 _____ MINNEAPOLIS
TUES. JAN. 11 _____ BOSTON
Wed. Jan. 12 _____ Rochester
Fri. Jan. 14 _____ New York at Boston
Sat. Jan. 15 _____ New York
*SUN. JAN. 16 _____ MILWAUKEE
*SUN. JAN. 23 _____ BALTIMORE
Tues. Jan. 25 ____ Minneapolis at Buffalo
Wed. Jan. 26 _____ Boston
Thurs. Jan. 27 _____ Syracuse
Sat. Jan. 29 _____ Minneapolis (TV)
*SUN. JAN. 30 _____ MINNEAPOLIS
THURS. FEB. 3 _____ SYRACUSE
Fri. Feb. 4 _____ Boston
Sat. Feb. 5 _____ Baltimore
SUN. FEB. 6 _____ BALTIMORE
Tues. Feb. 8 _____ Philadelphia at Elkhart
THURS. FEB. 10 _____ PHILADELPHIA
Fri. Feb. 11 _____ Philadelphia
Sat. Feb. 12 _____ New York
*SUN. FEB. 13 _____ ROCHESTER
Mon. Feb. 14 _____ New York at Miami
Thurs. Feb. 17 _____ New York at Miami
Sat. Feb. 19 _____ Minneapolis (TV)
Sun. Feb. 20 _____ Milwaukee
Tues. Feb. 22 ____ Rochester at Milwaukee
Wed. Feb. 23 ___ Minneapolis at St. Louis
Thurs. Feb. 24 __ Milwaukee at Minneapolis
Sat. Feb. 26 _____ Minneapolis
*SUN. FEB. 27 _____ BALTIMORE
THURS. MAR. 3 _____ SYRACUSE
Sun. Mar. 6 _____ Boston
Thurs. Mar. 10 _____ Boston at New York
Sat. Mar. 12 _____ Syracuse (TV)
*SUN. MAR. 13 _____ PHILADELPHIA

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